

Board Meeting

BOARD MEETING
MAY 12, 2011

The Gerry Town Board met at 7:00 PM, May 12, 2011, at the Gerry Town Hall for the regular monthly board meeting.

Present were: John R. Crossley, Supervisor
Robert B. Heitzenrater, Councilman
Gary J. Swan, Councilman
Richard C. Heath, Councilman
Linda D. Bartholomew, Councilwoman
Jodie L. Fehlman, Deputy Town Clerk
Recia L. Myers, Town Clerk
William Duncanson, Jr., Town Attorney
Mark A. Risley, Highway Superintendent
Dave Crossley, Zoning Officer
Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator

Absent was: Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Crossley called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, stated that there is an issue with flooding on Ross Mills Road in the Town of Ellicott. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, stated that he had a meeting with Paul Rounds and the DEC regarding this flooding issue and have come up with a plan to help slow up the water.

Supervisor Crossley spoke to the Supervisor's in North Harmony and Ellery on an issue of Pro waste trucks that are hauling contractor waste out of Erie, PA to the Ellery landfill. The trucks are not being completely cleaned out and it is becoming a problem as residual waste out of these trucks are being blown all over our roads in the Town of Gerry. Supervisor Crossley is going to contact County Executive Edwards and County Road Department to see what can be done about his issue. Councilman Heath suggested that the driver be fined for not covering there loads. Larry Barmore, District 9 Legislator, will relay the message of this matter to the County Department of Public Works.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) Recia Myers, Gerry Town clerk, received the certificate of satisfaction for the warrant of the tax roll.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Zoning Officer.

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, commented that a special use permit has been issued for the advertising benches, and two benches have been installed in front of Julie's Style Station in the four corners in the Town of Gerry.

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7 permits issued this month
20 Pending permits

Dog Control Officer.

Troy Kennelley, Dog Control Officer, was absent however; he reported to the Gerry Town Clerk, Recia Myers, that it has been quiet.

Highway Superintendent.

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Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated the highway guys were busy oiling and sealing 10 1\2 miles of roadways with the County. Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, also stated that the CHIPS Monies will be used for black top.

Assessor's report.

Kevin Okerlund submitted a report to the Gerry Town Board stating that the changes of assessment notices have been mailed out. Kevin Okerlund, Town of Gerry Assessor, also stated in his report that the tentative Equalization rate is set at 75.7% .

The data mailers will be sent out on June 1st as the revaluation project begins. These are notices that request information from property owners as to the current inventory of their property such as number of baths, square footage, buildings on the property, etc. Also the dates of the informational session that will be held will be listed in cover letter. As of now the sessions will be held the third week of June.

Supervisor Crossley asked Recia Myers, Gerry Town Clerk, to contact Kevin Okerlund, Town of Gerry Assessor, and ask him to be at the June Board Meeting to explain the way they calculate the property taxes for the equalization rate.

COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES:

Parks & Recreation

Councilman Heath stated that Part-Time Mower and Maintenance man Phil Walters is doing a great job mowing. He also addressed the issue with weeds growing in the chips around the playground and will be replacing the edging around the chip area that has been broken. Councilman Heath also stated that he would have Phil Walters, Part-Time Mower and Maintenance man, help presser wash and paint the Highway building.

Councilman Heath has spoke to Mark Risley, Highway Superintendent, about the mill stone and that it will be placed next to the tree that the Douglas Family donated. Councilman Heath stated that they are looking into getting a plaque made up to attach to the footer of the mill stone.

Councilman Heath stated that a light fixture at the park was destroyed and that it has since been replaced.

Town Picnic:

Councilwoman Bartholomew reported that she has been working on advertising for the Town Picnic, working the web site, and contacting organizations to participate in the town picnic. Councilwoman Bartholomew stated there will be a Town Picnic committee meeting in June.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Resolution No. 31 - 2011. Proclaiming Heritage Ministries Day. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

Resolution No. 32- 2011. 2011 Budget Transfer. A motion was made by Councilman Heath, seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

Minute approval for the April 2011 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Heath; seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Zoning Officer, Dave Crossley, asked the Town of Gerry Board of there thoughts on a fee for re roofing as it is not on the zoning fee schedule. The Gerry Town Board conferred and stated that there will be no fee for re-roofing and the fee schedule will stay the way it is. A motion was made by Councilman Heitzenrater to refund monies already collected for re-roofing permits; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Brad Ganes, a Gerry resident, wrote a letter to the Town of Gerry to ask if there needed to be a permit to spread brine on the roads for snow removal and what the guidelines were for this procedure last month and was checking in on the letter. Highway Superintendent, Mark Risley, stated that he has since found out there has to be a permit and is in the process of getting the paper work together for the permit for the Town of Gerry. Councilman Heath stated that he would look at the county's paper work for the Beneficial use Determination laws. Discussion.

Town of Gerry resident, Brad Ganes, thanked the Town of Gerry board members for there part in helping with the clean up day that was held on April 30, 2011. Brad Ganes also addressed to the board about the fines for littering in the town of Gerry. He asked how much fines were for littering in town and what the maximum amount could be. He asked if the littering fees couldbe raised to deter people from littering in our town. Supervisor Crossley stated that he would look into this matter.

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Highway Fund Vouchers #63 - 78 totaling \$13,200.44 was approved on a motion by Councilman Swan; seconded by Councilman Heath. Approved.

General Fund Vouchers #120 - 144 totaling \$7,096.64 was approved on a motion by Councilman Heitzenrater; seconded by Councilman Swan. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board meeting will be held 6:30 PM, June 9, 2011 at the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:48PM on a motion by Councilman Swan , seconded by Councilwoman Bartholomew.

Minutes taken by

Jodie L. Fehlman,
Deputy Town Clerk